



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.5  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 3% very short, 8% short, 71% adequate and 18% surplus

**Field Crops Report**  
Excellent weather condition allowed producers to progress with field activities. Rice and corn plantings are progressing well. Wheat is in the boot stage with some isolated development problems from the mild, rainy winter. Sugarcane producers began off-barring and fertilizing the crop. A late frost appears to have temporarily delayed sugarcane development. With warmer weather expected in the upcoming weeks, farmers are preparing to plant grain sorghum and soybeans in the following weeks.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**  
Vegetable producers were planting crops. Producers continued spraying and harvesting strawberries. Crawfish harvests continue with farmers reporting mixed reviews regarding size development and total catch per trap.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**  
Cattlemen continued working cattle as calving season continues. Forages-ryegrass is being top-dressed. Some spring hayfields are receiving herbicide sprays for fall weeds and early spring emerging weeds.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2012	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring Plowing	43	21	35	34
Corn	Planted	56	20	35	21
Rice	Planted	25	5	13	8
Winter Wheat	Headed	12	NA	13	3

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Sugarcane	5	6	42	40	7
Livestock	2	6	42	46	4
Vegetables	2	11	46	38	3
Pasture	4	16	47	31	2
Winter Wheat	1	4	40	50	5



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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 03/11/13 TO 03/17/13

	AIR TEMPERATURE				PRECIPITATION		YR. TO DATE	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVE	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS		
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	73	32	51	56	0.11	1.46	10.20	11.66
Minden	79	31	54	56	1.04	1.80	11.55	12.68
Mooringsport	78	32	54	MM	0.53	1.60	9.89	10.83
Shreveport South	(81)	31	55	MM	0.95	1.42	9.62	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	81	31	53	57	0.66	1.57	10.32	11.94
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	81	29	51	57	0.41	1.93	14.96	13.71
Homer/Hill Farm	80	(27)	53	55	0.82	2.14	10.77	12.83
Farmerville	80	33	53	MM	0.70	3.62	14.80	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	81	27	52	57	0.64	2.78	14.80	13.65
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	78	35	54	55	0.65	2.86	18.83	14.37
LSU-St Joseph	77	36	55	58	2.01	6.10	18.81	14.67
Tallulah	78	36	54	57	1.05	4.08	21.47	14.47
Extreme/Average	78	35	54	57	1.24	5.09	MM.MM	14.34
4. West-Central								
Leesville	81	29	56	59	0.28	3.22	17.26	13.36
Ashland	79	27	51	56	0.00	1.77	9.00	13.47
Hodges Gardens	79	38	56	MM	0.44	1.61	14.95	13.41
Extreme/Average	81	27	54	58	0.24	2.42	16.11	13.10
5. Central								
Alexandria	79	29	54	59	0.23	3.30	19.93	14.12
Jonesville Locks	73	38	55	58	2.10	5.67	24.99	14.36
Eunice	77	35	55	61	1.69	3.37	28.29	13.71
Bunkie	76	37	56	60	2.02	6.00	26.22	14.43
New Roads 5 NE	79	38	58	60	0.05	2.58	26.06	14.73
Extreme/Average	79	29	55	60	1.22	3.81	25.13	14.16
6. East-Central								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.87	4.73	20.28	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.90	6.86	27.71	14.96
LSU-Hammond	75	32	52	60	0.63	5.18	26.48	15.01
Slideell	75	39	56	60	0.23	5.61	14.59	14.78
Extreme/Average	75	32	54	60	0.43	5.40	20.54	14.88
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	MM	MM	MM	60	0.44	3.18	17.59	13.88
Jennings	74	38	57	60	2.15	4.12	25.18	12.40
LSU-Crowley	74	38	54	60	1.27	4.91	25.02	12.78
Oberlin Fire Tow	77	34	55	61	1.29	4.45	18.69	14.32
Extreme/Average	77	34	55	61	1.57	4.49	22.96	12.43
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	79	38	56	61	0.41	4.23	21.91	13.21
LSU-Jeanerette	77	40	56	60	1.87	6.98	22.02	11.88
Morgan City	77	37	56	61	0.22	2.90	16.80	12.82
Lafayette	75	40	56	61	2.20	5.37	20.92	13.10
Extreme/Average	79	37	56	62	1.18	4.87	20.24	12.59
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	75	46	60	MM	0.00	3.62	10.00	12.59
Galliano	77	43	57	62	0.22	4.39	12.11	13.52
NO Audubon Park	MM	MM	MM	63	0.00	2.92	11.03	13.07
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.42	4.98	25.46	13.90
Extreme/Average	77	43	58	62	0.11	4.01	11.06	13.72
State Averages	81	27	55	60	0.85	3.88	18.32	13.39

M = Missing ( ) = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through March 17, 2013

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